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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: NORTHWEST SCHEDULE PROBLEM

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1. E/C MIN CALLED ON FUKADA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, ON APRIL 25 TO DISCUSS NORTHWEST SCHEDULE PROBLEM. AVIATION SPECIALIST FROM FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION (MATSUOZAWA) ALSO ATTENDED. MATSUOZAWA SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT JCAB MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE PARKING ARRANGMENTS FOR FLIGHT NW-21, INCLUDING OFFER OF SPOT IN RAMP AREA. HE EXPLAINED THAT LATTER IS NOT AS CONVENIENT AS SPOTS ADJACENT TO TERMINAL, BUT WAS EQUIVALENT TO SPOT USED BY JAL-001. (OTHER ALTERNATIVES WOULD REQUIRE THAT NORTHWEST ADJUST SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN OTHER FLIGHTS IN ORDER TO FREE SPOT AT TERMINAL.) WE COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT AND HOPED THAT MATTER COULD BE SPEEDILY RESOLVED SO THAT NORTHWEST COULD INITIATE ITS NEW SCHEDULE ON APRIL 27 AS PLANNED. (LATER IN EVENING FONOFF CALLED TO ADVISE THAT NORTHWEST HAD ACCEPTED RAMP SLOT AND JCAB ACCORDINGLY WOULD APPROVE OPERATION OF NW-21 ON NEW SCHEDULE.)

2. E/C MIN ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER NUMBER OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING APPARENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIOLATIONS BY JAPAN OF CIVAIR AGREEMENTS WHICH WE HAD

BROUGHT TO ATTENTION TO FONOFF AND TO WHICH WE HAD NOT
RECEIVED SATISFACTORY RESPONSES--AND IN SOME CASES NO
FORMAL RESPONSE AT ALL. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FONOFF
WOULD TAKE MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN THESE PROBLEMS.
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